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Green Hopes AFL-CIO Merger Will Defeat Anti-Labor Bills

Council Hits Ball Bill 'Executioner's Knife' At Workers' Throat

Miami, Fla.—AFL President William Green proposed to CIO President Philip Murray immediate conferences for the merge-

time rejected Mr. Murray's suggestion for united action on legislative matters while the AFL and the CIO would continue to battle each other in the field.

"The Executive Council regards this bill in its entirety as an executioner's knife held at the throat of every worker and every union in our country," a formal statement declared.

With equal emphasis the Council slashed at the second portion of the catch-all Ball-Taft-Smith bill, which would abolish the checkoff and restrict welfare funds. The Council a

In dealing with the fourth section of the bill, the Council said that "never has a more stupid and dangerous idea been advanced in Federal labor legislation."

of business fair-minded employees. Abuses in certain forms of secondary boycotts can best be eliminated through mature collective bargaining and not through legislation, the CIO said.

mild. This deals with registration of unions and the publication of financial statements. The Council said it would not have any real objection to these provisions if they would not lead to licensing of unions by the Government.

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Miami, Fla.—The text of the statement approved by the AFL Executive Council opposing compulsory military training in peace-time, follows:

The AFL Executive Council, having considered the subjects of universal military training and the limitation of selective service since the official termination of hostilities in 1946, in the light of the traditional opposition of the American Federation of Labor to universal military training and conscription in peace-time, and the future safety and security of our nation and the democratic principles upon which it was founded, reaffirms our opposition to universal military training and selective service in time of peace. Indeed the Executive Council favors a comprehensive educational, physical and health program for the youth of the nation.

We have the foregoing convictions upon the firm belief and conviction:

1. That any compulsory system of military training and conscription in peacetime will ultimately lead to a destruction of the principles of voluntarism and consent, upon which our nation is founded.
2. That it will tend to glorify militarism and military institutions and leadership.
3. That it will so train the mind of the youth as to give emphasis to war and conflict and resort to force rather than to processes of peace and conciliation.

Highlights of the concluding sessions of the Council—one of the shortest winter meetings of that group—included:

1. Announcement of Secretary-Treasurer George Meany

On the other hand, we hold that greater emphasis should be given the subject of encouraging, promoting and retaining the leadership of the United States citizen.

1. In all technical, industrial and cultural developments, the importance of which was clearly and fully manifested in the recent world war.

2. In teaching the youth of our land the constructive arts and processes of labor and industry.

4. In furthering in every possible way friendly, peaceful and cooperative relations with all the nations and peoples of the world, as contemplated by the United Nations Organization.

Green Asks AFL Members to Aid New Red Cross Campaign For Funds

In a special message to all branches of the American Federation of Labor Mr. Green cited the widespread success of the Red Cross and the grave

The American National Red Cross is one of the most valuable public organizations in the United States. In times of disaster, its activities reach to the most remote community to help the distressed and suffering. Its wartime service to our nation is well known. Many of our people are re-

"While the American Red Cross is certainly a valuable national institution, its service in the international field is of importance to the entire world. Through the United States Red Cross Societies, which was formed in 1919 through the instrumentality of

men is far from over. We have 80,000 patients in veterans' hospitals who served in World War I and World War II. They will require and be entitled to all the skill and attention which a grateful nation can bestow. Professional Red Cross workers in more than 80 veterans' hospitals coordinate the work of the organization. The American National Red Cross, societies throughout the world are being organized or revitalized so as to reach the greatest number. This commendable undertaking is worthy of our most generous support.

"None of us can tell where disaster will strike next. No one can foretell

AFL leaders work out settlement formulae for disputes.

3. Approval of a plan for compulsory retirement of members of the AFL headquarters staff at the age of 65. This would not apply to elected officers or

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ANOTHER RAIL UNION JOINS AFL SHOPCRAFT GROUP LABOR ECONOMIST ASSERTS HIGHER PAY IS REQUIRED

Hagerstown, Md.—An agreement carrying standard railroad wages and working conditions has been signed here by the executive board of

This agreement is of special significance because it climaxes a successful

campaign started a little over a year ago to bring the shopcraft employees on this carrier back into the fold of the Standard Railroad Labor Organization.

With the signing of this contract, all Class I railroads, except one, are now operating under standard agreements with AFL shopcraft unions.

HOME WOMEN'S PAY TOO LOW
New York City.—The State Labor Board has ruled that the wage differential between full and part-time workers in the garment industry is too low. The board ordered that full-time workers receive a 10% bonus for their extra hours of work, but that part-time workers receive a 10% bonus for their extra hours of work. The board also ordered that the wage differential between full and part-time workers be reduced to 5%.

RAIL WORKERS BENEFIT
Chicago, Ill.—The A.F. of M. Railway Employees' Department has received a \$100,000 bonus from the Illinois State Board of Labor Relations for its successful strike action. The bonus was awarded for the department's successful strike action, which resulted in a 10% increase in wages for its members.

TEAMSTERS CITY RAISE
Philadelphia, Pa.—The Philadelphia branch of the U. S. C. of A. has received a \$100,000 bonus from the Pennsylvania State Board of Labor Relations for its successful strike action. The bonus was awarded for the branch's successful strike action, which resulted in a 10% increase in wages for its members.
